

We claim:

1. An electronic shipment planner adapted for electronically presenting shipment and scheduling information to a user, the shipment and scheduling information including at least one shipment event date, said shipment planner comprising:

a shipment data repository containing shipment and scheduling information;

a system interface communicating with said shipment data repository;

an interactive shipment data link electronically associated with the shipment and scheduling information, and cooperating with said system interface as commanded by the user to access and retrieve the associated shipment and scheduling information contained in said shipment data repository; and

a calendar display interface for displaying said shipment planner to the user in a calendar format, such that said interactive shipment data link is provided on the shipment event date associated with the shipment and scheduling information.

2. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 1, and comprising shipment data input means communicating with said shipment data repository for loading shipment and scheduling information into said shipment data repository.

1 3. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 1, wherein said system interface
2 comprises a Web browser.

1 4. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 1, wherein said shipment data link
2 comprises a predetermined portion of the shipment and scheduling information.

1 5. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 1, wherein said shipment data link
2 comprises a shipment reference code.

1 6. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 5, wherein said shipment
2 reference code is selected from the group consisting of a bill of lading number and a
3 purchase order number.

1 7. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 1, and comprising a plurality of
2 interactive shipment data links electronically associated with at least one of an inbound
3 shipment, an outbound shipment, and a third party shipment.

1 8. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of
2 interactive shipment data links are color-coded to readily distinguish between inbound,
3 outbound, and third party shipments.

1 9. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 8, and comprising a legend for
2 indicating the color-code for each inbound shipment, outbound shipment, and third party
3 shipment.

1 10. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 1, and comprising a display
2 options data repository containing format parameters for customizing the format of said
3 calendar display interface.

1 11. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 10, and comprising a display
2 options data interface communicating with said display options data repository for setting
3 desired format parameters contained in said display options data repository.

1 12. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 1, and comprising an input device
2 for selecting said interactive shipment data link from said calendar display interface.

1 13. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 12, wherein said input device
2 comprises a computer mouse.

1 14. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 1, and comprising a report data
2 repository containing profile parameters for displaying the shipment and scheduling
3 information in a customized user report.

1 15. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 14, and comprising a report data
2 interface communicating with said report data repository for setting desired profile
3 parameters contained in said report data repository.

1 16. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 1, and comprising a personal
2 event data repository containing personal event information of the user, the personal event
3 information being associated with a personal event date.

1 17. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 16, and comprising a personal
2 event data interface communicating with said personal event data repository for loading
3 personal event information into said personal event data repository.

1 18. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 17, and comprising an interactive
2 personal event data link electronically associated with the personal event information, and
3 cooperating with said system interface as commanded by the user to access and retrieve the
4 associated personal event information contained in said personal event data repository.

1 19. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 18, wherein said personal event
2 data link comprises a predetermined portion of the personal event information

1 20. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 18, wherein said personal event
2 data link comprises a title of the personal event information.

1 21. An electronic shipment planner adapted for electronically presenting shipment and
2 scheduling information to a user, the shipment and scheduling information including at least
3 one event date, said shipment planner comprising:

4 a shipment data repository containing shipment and scheduling information;

5 a system interface communicating with said shipment data repository;

6 an interactive shipment data link electronically associated with the shipment and
7 scheduling information, and cooperating with said system interface as commanded by the
8 user to access and retrieve the associated shipment and scheduling information contained
9 in said shipment data repository;

10 a personal event data repository containing personal event information of the user,
11 the personal event information being associated with a personal event date;

12 an interactive personal event data link electronically associated with the personal

13 event information of the user, and cooperating with said system interface as commanded by
14 the user to access and retrieve the associated personal event information contained in said
15 personal event data repository;

16 a calendar display interface for displaying said shipment planner to the user in a
17 calendar format, such that said interactive shipment data link and said interactive personal
18 event data link are provided on their respective shipment and personal event dates
19 associated with the shipment and scheduling information and the personal events
20 information;

21 wherein said shipment data link and said personal event data link are color-coded
22 to readily distinguish between the associated shipment and scheduling information and the
23 personal events information; and

24 a legend for indicating the color-code for each of said shipment data and personal
25 event data links.

1 22. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 21, and comprising a personal
2 event data interface communicating with said personal event data repository for loading
3 personal event information into said personal event data repository.

1 23. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 21, wherein said shipment data
2 link comprises a shipment reference code.

1 24. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 22, wherein said shipment
2 reference code is selected from the group consisting of a bill of lading number and a
3 purchase order number.

1 25. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 21, wherein said personal event
2 data link comprises a predetermined portion of the personal event information.

1 26. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 21, wherein said personal event
2 data link comprises a title of the personal event information.

1 27. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 21, and comprising a display
2 options data repository containing format parameters for customizing the format of said
3 calendar display interface.

1 28. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 21, and comprising a report data
2 repository containing profile parameters for displaying the shipment and scheduling
3 information in a customized user report.

1 29. An electronic shipment planner according to claim 28, and comprising a report data
2 interface communicating with said report data repository for selecting desired profile
3 parameters contained in said report data repository.

1 30. A method for electronically presenting shipment and scheduling information to a
2 user, the shipment and scheduling information including at least one shipment event date,
3 said method comprising the steps of:

4 creating a shipment data repository containing shipment and scheduling information;
5 providing a system interface communicating with the shipment data repository;
6 electronically associating an interactive shipment data link with the shipment and
7 scheduling information, the shipment data link cooperating with the system interface as
8 commanded by the user to access and retrieve the associated shipment and scheduling
9 information contained in the shipment data repository; and
10 displaying the shipment planner to the user in a calendar format, such that the
11 interactive shipment data link is provided on the shipment event date associated with the
12 shipment and scheduling information.

11 31. A method according to claim 30, wherein the step of electronically associating an
12 interactive shipment data link with the shipment and scheduling information comprises
13 providing a plurality of interactive shipment data links associated with at least one of an
14 inbound shipment, an outbound shipment, and a third party shipment.

1 32. A method according to claim 31, and comprising the step of color-coding the plurality
2 of interactive shipment data links to readily distinguish between inbound, outbound, and
3 third party shipments.

1 33. A method according to claim 32, and comprising the step of providing a legend for
2 indicating the color-code for each inbound shipment, outbound shipment, and third party
3 shipment.

1 34. A method according to claim 30, and comprising the step of creating a personal event
2 data repository containing personal event information of the user, the personal event
3 information being associated with a personal event date.

1 35. A method according to claim 34, and comprising the step of electronically associating
2 an interactive personal event data link with the personal event information of the user, the
3 personal event data link cooperating with the system interface as commanded by the user
4 to access and retrieve the associated personal event information contained in the personal
5 event data repository.

1 36. A computer readable memory medium, encoded with data representing a computer
2 program, that can be used by a computer system to direct the computer system to execute
3 a method for electronically presenting shipment and scheduling information to a user, the
4 shipment and scheduling information including at least one shipment event date, the
5 medium comprising:

6 a system interface communicating with a shipment data repository containing
7 shipment and scheduling information;

8 an interactive shipment data link electronically associated with the shipment and
9 scheduling information, and cooperating with said system interface as commanded by the
10 user to access and retrieve the associated shipment and scheduling information contained
11 in the shipment data repository; and

12 a calendar display interface for displaying a calendar format, such that said interactive
13 shipment data link is provided on the shipment event date associated with the shipment and
14 scheduling information.

1 37. A computer readable memory medium according to claim 36, and comprising a
2 plurality of interactive shipment data links associated with at least one of an inbound
3 shipment, an outbound shipment, and a third party shipment.

1 38. A computer readable memory medium according to claim 36, and comprising a
2 display options data interface communicating with a display options data repository for
3 selecting desired format parameters contained in said display options data repository.

1 39. A computer readable memory medium according to claim 36, and comprising a report
2 data interface communicating with a report data repository for selecting desired profile
3 parameters contained in said report data repository.

1 40. A computer readable memory medium according to claim 36, and comprising an
2 interactive personal event data link electronically associated with personal event information
3 of the user, and cooperating with said system interface as commanded by the user to access
4 and retrieve the associated personal event information contained in a personal event data
5 repository.